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Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 15 September 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 36th and 48th meetings, on 8 May and 5 July 2018. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Support Office in Somalia for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (A/72/650);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Support Office in Somalia for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 (A/72/763);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/72/789/Add.6).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/72/L.46

4. At its 48th meeting, on 5 July, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863

[1] A/C.5/72/SR.36 and A/C.5/72/SR.48.

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(2009)" (A/C.5/72/L.46), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Belgium.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/72/L.46 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Support Office in Somalia[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1863 (2009) of 16 January 2009, in which the Council expressed its intent to establish a United Nations peacekeeping operation in Somalia as a follow-on force to the African Union Mission in Somalia, subject to a further decision of the Council by 1 June 2009, and requested the Secretary-General, in order for the forces of the Mission to be incorporated into a United Nations peacekeeping operation, to provide a United Nations logistical support package to the Mission, including equipment and services,

Recalling also the subsequent resolutions of the Security Council by which the logistical support package for the Mission was extended, the latest of which was resolution 2415 (2018) of 15 May 2018, by which the Council extended the logistical support package until 31 July 2018,

Recalling further its resolution 63/275 A of 7 April 2009 on the financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009) and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 71/311 of 30 June 2017,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the United Nations Trust Fund established to support the African Union Mission in Somalia,

Mindful of the fact that the Support Office operates in a hostile environment and that it is essential to provide it with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its mandate,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Support Office in Somalia as at 30 April 2018, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 178.3 million United States dollars, representing some 5 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 87 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

[1] A/72/650 and A/72/763.

[2] A/72/789/Add.6.

3. *Decides* to allocate an amount of 75,565,500 dollars for air operations from the overall resources for the Support Office;

4. *Also decides* not to establish the post of Programme Management Officer (human rights due diligence policy) (P-4) in the immediate office of the Assistant Secretary-General;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/286 of 17 June 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

6. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Support Office for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017;[3]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

7. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Support Office in Somalia the amount of 597,034,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, inclusive of 558,152,300 dollars for the maintenance of the Support Office, 28,809,000 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, 7,247,700 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and 2,825,000 dollars for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda;

Financing of the appropriation

8. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 49,752,833 dollars for the period from 1 to 31 July 2018, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246 of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2018, as set out in its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015;

9. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 811,300 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 541,933 dollars approved for the Support Office, the prorated share of 193,992 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 51,783 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 23,592 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

10. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 248,764,167 dollars for the period 1 August to 31 December 2018, at a monthly rate of 49,752,833 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2018, as set out in its resolution 70/245, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Support Office;

11. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 4,056,500 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 2,709,667 dollars approved for the Support Office, the prorated share of 969,958 dollars of the

[3] A/72/650.

estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 258,917 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 117,958 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

12. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 298,517,000 dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2019, at a monthly rate of 49,752,833 dollars, in accordance with the scale of assessments for 2019 and the updated levels,[4] subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Support Office;

13. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 4,867,800 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 3,251,600 dollars approved for the Support Office, the prorated share of 1,163,950 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 310,700 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 141,550 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

14. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Support Office, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 16,558,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2017, as set out in its resolution 70/245;

15. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Support Office, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 16,558,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 14 above;

16. *Further decides* that the increase of 688,600 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017 shall be added to the credits in the amount of 16,558,400 dollars referred to in paragraphs 14 and 15 above;

17. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund established to support the African Union Mission in Somalia;

18. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session the item entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)".

[4] To be adopted by the General Assembly.